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MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

A. J. Wiscott will move from Mexico to Columbia.

W. H. Miller has engaged in the grocery business in Mexico.

John Hart and family will move to Mexico from Martinsburg.

W. Biswell & Son are shipping walnut logs from Thompson.

James Gallaber of Mexico is again owner of the Vandalia marble works.

Thomas Gallagher of Taxton, Tex., has bought the Windsor hotel in Mexico.

W. S. Biggers of Farber is at Mud Laya Springs, Indiana, taking baths for rheumatism.

A barn belonging to Mrs. Mary O'Callaghan at Thompson was destroyed by fire last week. The property was insured for \$200.

We understand Miss Margaret Torreyson of Martinsburg was thrown from a street car in St. Louis recently and quite seriously hurt.

The Hon. Champ Clark is to be on the reception committee which is to meet Bryan when he lands from his European trip in New York City next month. Mr. Clark was in Mexico last week.

E. E. Shay, whose home is east of Auxvasse, took up school in the Bean Creek district this week. It is his seventh term in that district. When they get a good teacher in that neighborhood they hold him.

Our Thompson correspondent wrote us last week: Gant & Conside received 2750 sheep from South Omaha recently and sold as follows: To C. Householder, 500; to C. Berry, 500; O. L. Porter, 275; J. W. Harrison, 127.

G. Douchant, of Mt. Carmel, this county, was tried in Justice A. B. Cluser's court in Mexico last Friday on the charge of selling "Cream of Hops" and was fined \$50 and cost. The authorities claimed Douchant's "cream of hops" was beer, pure and simple—tho it may have not been so pure.

Vandalia Leader: Rev. S. Brooks and brother, W. T. Brooks, have been engaged to hold a series of revival meetings under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league of Perry. The meetings will be conducted for the benefit of the local option agitation in Ralls county, the special election to be held September 1.

Quoted from the Farber Forum: Miss Dollie Grigsby has been employed to teach in the Farber school in place of Miss Stella Dixon, who recently resigned to teach at Molino. Miss Grigsby is a teacher of many years' experience, having taught at Vandalia and in the neighboring districts. She taught last year in Texas.

Stole Horse and Beat Woman.

The following item written from Louisiana to the Bowling Green Times will interest the Mexico public:

G. F. Grisson, traveling salesman for the National Fertilizer Co., sold a team belonging to Middleton & Morris of Mexico to W. A. Haden, of New London, who turned it over to Geo. Scott to pay a debt. Scott sold the team to William Moore of Louisiana. When the Mexico owners claimed the team, Scott was arrested. He settled the trouble by paying the costs. While here, the sheriff of Ralls county, arrested Robt. Scott, charged with beating a woman at Hanco a short time ago.

THE AUXVASSE PICNIC.

The Old Confederates Gather, Play Pranks and Tell Stories.

Veterans of Audrain, Callaway, Boone, Cole, Howard, Monroe, Montgomery and Ralls.

Last week the eighth annual reunion of the Confederate veterans was held at the Confederate club house, 2½ miles south of Auxvasse. The weather was hot and dry but it did not hinder the old "Vets" from gathering and having a good time. Large crowds were in attendance each day.

On the opening day J. M. Hay of Fulton was the speaker. In referring to absent faces that have been called away he made tears come to the eyes of men who fought for the lost cause.

J. V. Williams and Dr. J. B. Hawkins of Mexico made speeches in the forenoon on the second day. Hon. Champ Clark addressing the vast crowd in the afternoon. Clark's speech was characteristic, dwelling specially upon the point of how we allow the New Englanders to write our history, who do not record great things done by able and good men of the South and West but who carve every little thing done by an Easterner on tablets of stone.

Hon. H. H. Wallace of Kansas City made a great speech on the closing day, Friday.

But the soldiers did not listen to speeches the whole time, nay, verily. They ate and drank—good lemonade or ice water. Thirteen head of sheep were barbecued for the second day. The MESSAGE editor was there on that day and he knows. We had a good time and met many pleasant and hospitable people. We took dinner with the good families of Mr. Phillip Shay and Mr. W. M. Freeman, who live six miles east of Auxvasse. My, but that dinner was a treat—the very fatness of the land.

John Cottrell and Benj. Wood, who live west of Hatton, were on the grounds. They both used to live north of Laddonia, and Mr. Woods we had not seen for 27 years. They were helping the old boys make fun—occasionally a wrestle, or somebody's hat fell off, or one got a punch with a stick or cane as another passed by—living old camp life over again.

Returning home, we stopped an hour or two at Auxvasse. There we met Mr. and Mrs. Zed Hook of the Review, two as clever and cordial people as we ever met, who, by the way, are publishing one of the best local papers in the State of Missouri. We also met Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wickersham, formerly of Laddonia, who yet own property in the latter town and who declare that place one of the best little cities they ever lived in. We also met Mr. O. L. Nickels, formerly of Mexico, who is now in the grocery business at Auxvasse.

The Auxvasse Confederate reunions are great occasions. Not only the soldier who wore the gray is there—the officer in the military band this year, who furnished the music for the occasion, was an old Federal soldier. He believes in letting the dead past bury its dead. And then the young men and young women and the lads and lassies are there. Not a word is ever heard intended to stir up feeling. Joy and good cheer is unconfined—it is a reunion for everybody.

Eight of the old veterans and members of the association have

died since the last annual meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Judge M. C. Flynt, of Audrain county, president; E. M. Sifton, of Callaway, vice president; R. S. McKinney, of Mexico, secretary; S. S. McCue, of Auxvasse, treasurer.

THOSE ENROLLED.

The following old soldiers registered at the secretary's headquarters:

Auxvasse—W. T. Jones, J. R. Burt, C. L. Byrd, D. T. Rickman, S. S. McCue, T. M. Ford, I. C. Bickley, J. A. Boyes, T. B. Fry, W. J. Goolady, W. B. Ellis, T. B. Gilbert, Gus Fry, T. B. Harding, Wm. Eller, A. N. Kemp, J. B. Burwell, J. E. Holman, J. W. Pledge.

Jonesburg—W. L. Smith. Mexico—C. A. Rodgers, D. H. McIntyre, A. G. Turner, B. T. Winn, W. H. Kennan, W. R. Kemp, J. V. Williams, J. J. Talley, W. H. Kessler, J. S. Williams, R. S. McKinney.

Hallsville—O. F. Tribble, W. F. Roberts.

Concord—J. J. Cottrell. Thompson—D. W. Butler.

Fulton—Jno. Moloney, L. C. Brown, J. M. Bryan, W. C. Harrison, S. T. Moore, Cal Craighead, W. M. Patton, S. S. Craighead, J. B. Hyde, J. S. Criswell, R. H. Marshall, H. H. Brown, W. P. Gelabert, J. W. Waters.

Benton City—J. T. Miller. Hatton—E. S. Creed, Benj. Wood, J. R. Martin.

New Bloomfield—John Gilmore, W. C. Hall, John M. Wilson. Columbia—James Creed.

Mokane—E. B. Dunlap, J. W. Davis, N. C. Davis. Bachelor—E. P. Blackenship, T. A. Hatcher, R. A. Mumford, R. H. Thomas, James K. P. Scott, W. T. English, W. R. Wells.

Williamsburg—Dr. J. J. Bolton. Venice—R. W. Mumford.

Worcester—S. P. Underwood.

Vandalia—Capt. Tom Alford, G. W. Colbert.

Centralia—J. L. Henry, T. S. Wisdom, J. W. Simcoe, T. J. Irvine, M. C. Flynt, F. W. Wisdom.

Sniphar, I. T.—T. T. Godsil. Wellsville—S. H. Brown.

Shamrock—S. F. Norris. Ham's Prairie—O. W. Corner.

Tibbets—E. M. Sifton. McCredie—Jerry Muir.

Montgomery City—H. Maughs. Kansas City—A. Atkinson.

Calwood—T. J. Althiser, N. Monroe. Williamsburg—S. P. McDonald.

Molino—M. A. McCue. Higginsville—W. A. Green.

Death of Rev. Rogers.

Our North Molino correspondent sent us the following item last week: This community was shocked last Wednesday when the sad news came stating Stephen Rogers was drowned at Pertle Springs where three students had gone to bathe, and one of them had but one arm.

Stephen had remained to help him prepare for the bath while the other two went on and swam across. Stephen and his friend went down into the water and Stephen started to swim across. He had gotten about 30 feet from where he started when he cramped and called for help. The man with one arm hurried to him but could not help him as he had to use his only arm to save himself. The other two hurried back to him, but too late, too late. He had sunk to rise no more.

He was a noble young man, beloved by all who knew him. The burial was at Berre church, funeral conducted by Rev. Hamilton of St. Joseph, who knew Bro. Rogers while a student at William Jewell College.

Centralia Preacher Resigns.

Centralia, Mo., Aug. 1.—The Rev. H. A. Belton tendered his resignation tonight as pastor of the Centralia First Baptist church, to take effect at once, and the resignation was accepted. He was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church at Indianapolis, Ind., coming here from that point two years ago. He probably will go to a church in that state.

HOMER BASSFORD'S CA'GRAM.

Former Mexico Boy Tells About Bryan in Europe—Dispatch to St. Louis Republic.

VENICE, Aug. 2.—William J. Bryan is due here next Sunday, and great preparations are being made for the reception of Mr. Bryan and his party. The keenest interest is manifested on all sides in the coming visit of the distinguished American.

Mr. Bryan and party have been spending several days in Switzerland visiting all the points of interest. Today they were in Zurich, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, of New York. Mr. Bryan is a great admirer of Mr. Hunter personally, altho he does not share his political faith.

Mr. Hunter is a nephew of former Congressman Hunter, of Paris, Ill., and well known in the United States, because of his work among the poor of Chicago and New York. He is a native of Terre Haute, where he was born in 1874, and a graduate of the University class of '96.

EXPERT ON SOCIOLOGY.

Mr. Hunter made sociology a specialty and went to Chicago, where he was chosen chairman of the Tenement Inquiry Committee, and was also identified with Hull House. He is the uncompromising enemy of employers of child labor, and some of the largest employers of children have reason to remember his vigorous attacks against the employment of young girls in factories and stores.

He espouses Socialism, to which Mr. Bryan is violently opposed. Notwithstanding the two gentlemen differ so widely in their political view, Mr. Bryan being the advocate of individualism, there is a bond of sympathy between them in their effort for the benefit of the people.

Farmers' Day at The Chautauqua.

Thursday, August 16, will be "Farmers' Day" at the Mexico Chautauqua. There will be Bible Study; Kindergarten; Boys' Club; Physical Culture Class; Elocution Class; Piano Duet, Misses Mamie Carter and Carleton Fonville; Vocal Solo, Miss Louise Lackland; Spelling Match; Lyric Glee Club; Reading, Miss Mahan; Lecture, "Old Days in Dixie Land," Miss Belle Keagney of Mississippi; Lecture, "Alfalfa," Prof. R. W. Clothier of Cape Girardeau; W. C. T. U. Hour; Chautauqua Round Table; Concert by Lyric Glee Club; Readings, Mrs. Haskell and Miss Johnson.

An Excited Farmer.

The following is told by the Auxvasse Review: A farmer went to Jefferson City and sold some wheat for which he received \$111. He drank freely and after he had become wobbly in his gait, gave the money to the county clerk for safekeeping. About 9:30 o'clock the farmer started home and Thursday morning he returned to the city, carrying a big shot gun and looking for three men, whom he claimed had robbed him. He declared that the men held him up about 10 o'clock about two miles west of the city and with drawn revolvers compelled him to give up his cash which amounted to \$107.50. The sheriff and police could get no trace of the robbers. Finally the county clerk heard of the bold imaginary robbery and returned the money to the excited farmer.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Laddonia, Rush Hill and Mexico Union Telephone Co. will be held in Rush Hill the 1st Tuesday in September, 1906. All stockholders earnestly requested to attend.

J. N. Rosaga, Pres.

The Mexico District.

We find the following letter in the St. Louis Christian Advocate: The Leaguers of Moberly are enjoying a ten days' outing at Harris Springs.

The Union meeting at Renick conducted by Brothers Campbell and Tussey is growing interest—sixty conversions to date.

Brother C. M. Akers of Vandalia preached for Brother Sealeman on the 22nd, and spent a few hours in our parish on his return.

Brother Middleton of Wellsville reports that two excellent young men united with our church at a recent service. He and Brother Llewellyn are now in a meeting at Martinsburg. Dr. Palmore delivered a lecture on his trip around the world on Monday night, July 23.

The new church at Mt. Zion, on the Rowena Circuit, of which Brother Brewer is pastor, was dedicated by our presiding elder, Rev. A. C. Browning, on last Sunday. The church is well finished and cost about \$2,000, all of which has been paid except \$50, which is more than secured by good subscriptions. Brother Brewer is now in a meeting at Mt. Zion, and will be assisted this week by the "District Scribbler."

In a recent note from Brother Chadwick he reports that the meeting at Calwood closed with thirteen additions to the church. Bro. Mosley, who did the preaching, made quite an impression on the community. A Woman's Home Mission Society has been organized at Calwood and the "aids" at McCredie and Williamsburg have been changed to Woman's Home Mission Societies. The last quarterly conference was held at Williamsburg on July 22, and was a most enjoyable occasion. A revival will be held at McCredie, beginning August 1. Brother Mosley will assist. J. R. A.

Mexico's Population.

The following is told by the Fulton Gazette: "Overtown Harris, traveling for Rice, Stix & Company, was visiting his folks here, last week, and told a good one on census matters as they relate to Mexico," said Turner Rosser, Tuesday. "Ove was at the depot at Mexico, waiting for the Fulton-bound train to pull in and noticing a big, well-fed darkey that he took to be a parson, pacing the platform, amused himself by watching the colored man's manner of whiling away his time between trains. Another black man sided up to the one Ove was eying, and a discussion of the surroundings was begun: "Nice little town you have here," suggested the traveler. "Yes, indeed," replied the other who was evidently a denizen of the place. "About how many inhabitants have you?" asked the first. "Wayl, including the whites, I reckon we hev about six thousand," replied the darkey who was being questioned. The depot platform was pretty well populated with colored folks at the time, and the way the coon included the whites in his answer to the last question seemed pretty well put."

Will Be the Same in Mexico.

The Vandalia Mail uses the above heading and then quotes the following:

At Streator, Ill., everybody wanted the Chautauqua and everybody wanted to subscribe for stock. "But," as the News, the press sheet of the Assembly, says, "No one wanted in on the Chautauqua deal to make money. Indeed it is more that likely that the major part of the stock would have been subscribed if it had been

known that the money invested was only the eagerness to help along a good thing. At first the appeal to the merchants was was that the "Chautauqua would be a good thing for the town in a business way, which was true enough. But after ten days of Chautauqua experience, no one stopped to ask whether it was good for business or not. The thought was: "The Chautauqua is a good thing in itself. I want it for my boys and girls, for my wife, for myself. I want it just because I like it, just because it gives me a good time, and makes a better man of me while I am enjoying myself."

A Student Building.

There is now being erected at Columbia, on a lot adjoining the campus of the State University, a \$50,000 stone building which is to be the headquarters for all student activities in that great institution of learning. The money has been raised in the last two years by the Young Men's Christian Ass'n, the contributors being students, members of the faculty, and friends of the University. In this building will be offices for the Y.M.C.A., the various students publications, the literary and debating societies and other student organizations. There will be reading rooms, hot and cold baths, a swimming pool, a bowling alley, a small auditorium and a restaurant and cafe. The general supervision of the building will be in the hands of the Young Men's Christian Ass'n.

Money to loan on real estate security. J. W. Howell.

Dr. W. F. Traugbber, osteopath, will be found in his office, east of postoffice, every day except Monday and Friday afternoons. Treats acute and chronic cases. Calls answered day or night. Office hours 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone 355.

Summer Tourist Rates via The Wabash R. R.

To certain points in Colorado, California, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and other States. On sale daily to Sept. 30, 1906. Optional Lake or rail routes to many points. For particulars see I. M. Richards, Agent.

Homeseekers Excursions via The Wabash R. R.

To points in Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and other States, on sale first and third Tuesday, May to November, 1906, inclusive. To some points the rate is less than one fare and many points carry a 30 day limit.

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